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1. LATEST TRAVELLER REPORTS FROM CANTON INDICATE LARGE NUMBERS RED GUARDS POURING INTO CITY FRM VARIOUS PARTS CHINA. NO WIDESPREAD RIOTING BUT RELIABLE SOURCES DESCRIBE SMALL-SCALE VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH RED GUARD TAKEOVER OF MAIN CANTON NEWSPAPER JAN 8. ATMOSPHERE CANTON VERY TENSE BECAUSE OF SYSTEMATIC ATTACKS AGAINST FORMER SOUTH CHINA BOSS TAO CHU, SOME OF WHOSE PROTEGES ALREADY PURGED.

2. IN VIEW UNPRECEDENTED AND UNPREDICTABLE SITUATION CANTON ANDITS PROMIMITY MACAU, URGENTLY REQUEST VOA NOT RPT NOT BEAM ANY NEWS MACAU CRISIS TO MAINLAND UNTIL FINAL RESOLUTION FIRMLY AND OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BOTH SIDES. MAINLAND MEDIA IN DISARRAY BUT SO FAR THEY HAVE GIVEN NO ATTENTION MACAU INSOFAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED BY MONITORING HERE.

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WE HOPE CANTON POPULACE AND RAMPAGING RED GUARDS MAY NOT HAVE THEIR ATTENTION FOCUSED ON MACAU UNTIL SETTLEMENT REACHED. GP-3
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